

New York, Jan. 1, 1879. (1879)

My dear Frank:

From a full heart, and in no formal phrase, I wish you, and all the other dear ones in Roxbury and Cambridgeport, a happy new year.

How affecting is the letter of dear stricken Mrs. Vincent enclosed in yours to-day! The arrival of it and the announcement of her husband's death, by cable telegram, come simultaneously. I have just sent her a letter of sympathy and affection, which I trust will be somewhat comforting to her. How quickly our good friend Vincent has followed dear George Thompson to the spirit land!

The death of Mr. Rand is also affecting, remembering what effort he made in his exceeding debility to attend my reception by the Franklin Club.



To-day is reception-day in this city of gentlemen friends and acquaintances by the ladies. Among those who have called upon Fanny are Mr. Morse, the teacher, Mr. J. S. Gibbons, Senator Corbin whom we saw in Edinburgh, ~~and~~ Oliver Johnson, and William Stone, son of Rev. Thomas J. Stone.

Unless a heavy storm should set in, Charlie and I will take the 11 o'clock train to-morrow for Boston, via Hartford and Springfield. My cold is slightly improved. I have called upon no one since I have been here.

Your loving Father.